

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Kanji HATA et al.

Serial No. NEW : Attn: Application Branch

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COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS
AND METHOD
(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation-in-Part
of Serial No. 09/010,490,
Filed January 21, 1998)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph [0001], with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 09/010,490, filed January 21, 1998, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/740,992, filed November 5, 1996, now Patent No. 5,778,525.